
Michael Jackson is to be buried on his 51st birthday in a cemetery in Los Angeles where other celebrities are laid. The singer's family said a private ceremony will take place on August 29th. Well wishers have planned parties on the same date. Rajesh Mirchandani reports:

Michael Jackson will be **laid to rest** at the Forest Lawn Glendale **Cemetery**, north of downtown Los Angeles. It's a place that **guards closely** the **identities of other celebrity residents** but it's reported Humphrey Bogart, Errol Flynn and Clark Gable are buried there, some in private locked gardens. The event will take place on August 29th, the day Jackson would have **turned 51**.

Some fans are planning parties on the same day to celebrate his life and music, among them film director Spike Lee who worked on the video for the Jackson **hit** They Don't Care About Us.

By the time he is buried it will be more than two months since Michael Jackson died. The whereabouts of his body have been kept secret.

Meanwhile police are still investigating his death and have **focussed on** doctors who treated him to find out what drugs were in his **system**.

By contrast to the **spectacle of his life** and death, Michael Jackson's funeral is planned as a private ceremony for family and close friends but it's **bound to** attract a huge amount of interest.

Rajesh Mirchandani, BBC News, Los Angeles

Vocabulary and definitions

laid to rest	buried, his dead body will be put in the ground and covered with earth
cemetery	place where dead bodies are buried
guards closely	keeps secret
identities of other celebrity residents	names of other famous people who are buried in the cemetery
turned 51	become 51 years old
hit	something (for example, a film, a play or here, a song) that is very popular and successful
focussed on	concentrated on, gave a lot of attention to
system	here, blood stream or body
spectacle of his life	his life was very unusual and attracted a lot of interest from other people
bound to	certain to

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